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SUBJ: SEKSAN PRASERTKUL'S VISIT TO THE U.S.

DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. TO LECTURE THAI STUDENTS ABOUT RECENT EVENTS IN THAILAND, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SEKSAN PRASERTKUL WILL COME TO THE ATTENTION OF LOCAL POLICE OR THE FBI BECAUSE OF HIS SOMEWHAT REVOLUTIONARY MESSAGE AND HIS POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT WITH REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS, BOTH THAI AND OTHERS, WHO MAY BE ATTRACTED TO HIM. WE CONSIDER SEKSAN TO BE A BRIGHT AND IDEALISTIC BUT RADICAL YOUNG MAN WHO COULD BE A POSITIVE FORCE FOR DEMOCRACY IN THAILAND'S FUTURE. TOO INTENSE A MONITORING OF OR INTERFERENCE WITH HIS ACTIVITIES DURING HIS VISIT COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE AFFECT ON HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE U.S. AND THE U.S. ROLE IN THAILAND. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING THE FBI AND THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES THAT WHILE SEKSAN SPEAKS IN REVOLUTIONARY TERMS -- AND IS OF COURSE OF INTEREST TO THAI COMMUNISTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO INFLUENCE HIM -- WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE IS UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT ANY MONITORING OF HIS ACTIVITIES BE DONE WITH THE UTMOST DISCRETION.

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